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(57) **Abstract:** A method for the treatment of kaolin particulate material comprising: providing a dispersed aqueous suspension comprising kaolin particulate material and having a pH of at least about 7.5; selecting at least one selective flocculation polymer, wherein said at least one selective flocculation polymer has a measured anionicity ranging from about 1% to about 12%, such as from about 4.5% to about 8%; selectively flocculating said suspension into a first layer and a second layer by adding to said suspension said at least one selective flocculation polymer; and separating said first layer from said second layer.

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